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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20505

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Honorable Edward P. Boland, Chairman
Permanent Select Committee on
Intelligence
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

This is in response to your request for the views of the Central Intelligence Agency on H.R. 65, which seeks to abolish the National Security Council. For the reasons outlined below, the Central Intelligence Agency opposes enactment of this legislation.

The National Security Council was established by the National Security Act of 1947 for the purpose of advising the President concerning domestic, foreign, and military policies which relate to the national security. Issues bearing on the national security are numerous and varied, and they concern matters dealt with by several departments and agencies within the government. The National Security Council provides an important means of establishing coordination and cooperation among these various departments and agencies so that there can be an effective program of protecting our nation's security.

The National Security Council plays a critical role in the guidance and oversight of the nation's intelligence activities. It is the duty of the Central Intelligence Agency to advise and make recommendations to the National Security Council in matters concerning intelligence, and the Council provides an important forum for the debate of these recommendations among top government leaders. The result is a continual analysis and discussion of our intelligence activities, which leads to a strong and effective direction of our intelligence efforts.

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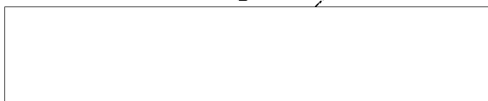
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It is, therefore, the view of the Central Intelligence Agency that the National Security Council is effectively carrying out the important duties assigned to it in the National Security Act of 1947. We appreciate the opportunity to present our views on this legislation. The Office of Management and Budget has advised that there is no objection to the submission of this report from the standpoint of the Administration's program.

Sincerely,

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3 FEB 1983

Honorable Edward P. Boland, Chairman
Permanent Select Committee on
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House of Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

This is in response to your request for the views of the
Central Intelligence Agency on H.R. 65, a Bill "To abolish the
National Security Council, and for other purposes."

We are formulating our position with respect to the proposal,
and we will send you our report as soon as it has been appropriately
coordinated within the Executive Branch and cleared by the Office
of Management and Budget.

Sincerely,



Executive Director

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Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

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Executive Secretary
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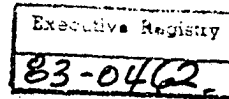
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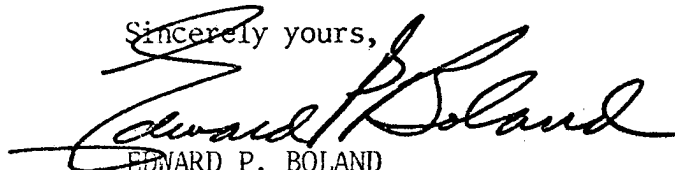
Honorable William J. Casey
Director of Central Intelligence
Washington, D. C. 20505

Dear Mr. Casey:

I would appreciate your comments concerning the attached bill which has been referred to the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence.

With every good wish, I am

Sincerely yours,


EDWARD P. BOLAND
Chairman

Enclosure



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98TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 65

To abolish the National Security Council, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JANUARY 3, 1983

Mr. BENNETT introduced the following bill; which was referred jointly to the Committee on Armed Services and the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence

A BILL

To abolish the National Security Council, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 ABOLITION OF NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL

4 SECTION 1. (a) Section 101 of the National Security
5 Act of 1947 (50 U.S.C. 402) is repealed.

6 (b)(1) The first sentence of section 102(a) of such Act
7 (50 U.S.C. 403(a)), relating to the establishment of the Cen-
8 tral Intelligence Agency, is amended by striking out "under

1 the National Security Council" and inserting in lieu thereof
2 "under the President".

3 (2) Section 102(d) of such act (50 U.S.C. 403(d)), relat-
4 ing to the duties of the Central Intelligence Agency, is
5 amended by striking out "the National Security Council"
6 each place it appears in such section and inserting in lieu
7 thereof "the President".

8 (3) Section 102(e) of such Act (50 U.S.C. 403(e)), relat-
9 ing to Central Intelligence Agency access to intelligence of
10 other agencies, is amended by striking out "recommended by
11 the National Security Council and".

12 (4) The table of contents in the first section of the Na-
13 tional Security Act of 1947 is amended by striking out the
14 item relating to section 101.

15 TECHNICAL AMENDMENTS

16 SEC. 2. (a) Section 303(a) of the National Security Act
17 of 1947 (50 U.S.C. 405(a)), relating to appointment of advi-
18 sory committees, is amended by striking out ", the Director
19 of Central Intelligence, and the National Security Council,
20 acting through its Executive Secretary," and inserting in lieu
21 thereof "and the Director of Central Intelligence".

22 (b) Section 4(g) of the Military Selective Service Act (50
23 U.S.C. App. 454(g)), relating to recommendations by the Na-
24 tional Security Council to the Director of the Selective Serv-
25 ice System, is repealed.

1 (c) Section 105 of title 3, United States Code, relating
2 to compensation of staff assistants to the President, is amend-
3 ed by striking out "of the Executive Secretary of the Nation-
4 al Security Council,".

5 (d) Section 3324(a)(4) of title 5, United States Code,
6 relating to appointments at GS-16, 17, or 18 level, is
7 amended by striking out "'National Security Council',".


8 (e) Section 141(b) of title 10, United States Code, relat-
9 ing to functions of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, is amended by
10 striking out ", the National Security Council,".

11 (f)(1) Section 22 of the Arms Control and Disarmament
12 Act (22 U.S.C. 2562), relating to the powers and duties of
13 the Director of the Arms Control and Disarmament Agency,
14 is amended by striking out ", the National Security Coun-
15 cil,".

16 (2) Section 36(b) of such Act (22 U.S.C. 2576(b)), relat-
17 ing to recommendations to the National Security Council, is
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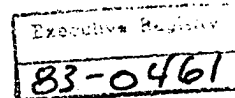
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January 18, 1983

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